GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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DANGER TO READYMADE GARMENT INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Bina Brand wale readymade wastra Udyogon Ka Bhavinshys Khatre Mein` appearing in the Dainik Jagran dated April 20, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps likely to be taken by the Government to salvage the industry from such danger ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item has apprehended that the domestic industry producing unbranded garments may not be able to withstand competition from the cheaper garments being imported in large quantities after removal of Quantitative Restrictions on imports w.e.f. 1.4.2001.

After the withdrawal of quantitative restrictions, the imports of textile have shown an increase. However, the total imports are not even one per-cent of the annual domestic production of textiles in the country. The imports, thus, are not having any significant adverse impact on domestic industry.

(c) Government is keeping a watch on the imports and would strive to ensure that imports do not cause any serious detriment or injury to the domestic industry. In case any unfair trade practices come to the notice, action, if necessary, under anti-dumping, countervailing measures etc. of World Trade Organisation (WTO) could be taken.